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Joji Konoshima will be missed by all whose lives he touched, but his extraordinary efforts in support of U.S.-Asia relations shall never be forgotten.

ON THE COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES PROGRAM

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I want to speak today on the Community Oriented Policing Services, or COPS, program. In my twenty years as a public servant, I have seen only a very small number of federally funded programs that have had such a measurable and immediate effect on local communities as the COPS program.

The Community Oriented Policing Services Program, commonly known as COPS, was established in 1994, due in large part to the efforts of my distinguished colleague from Delaware, Senator BIDEN, and the support of then-President Clinton. Since its inception, the program has greatly enhanced community oriented policing across the Nation, resulting in real, tangible crime reduction in cities such as Green Bay, Wisconsin's third-largest city, as well as in small, rural areas across Wisconsin and the country. This program has been a shining example of an effective partnership between local and Federal governments. It provides Federal assistance to meet local objectives without imposing mandates or interfering with local prerogatives. It also provides Federal dollars directly to police departments and local communities.

To date, the COPS program has facilitated the hiring and training of over 118,000 police officers who help keep our communities safe. In the State of Wisconsin alone, COPS has funded over 1,330 new officers by contributing over \$100 million to communities. COPS funds have also provided over \$20 million worth of crime-fighting technologies to Wisconsin law enforcement agencies. As Green Bay Police Chief Craig Van Schyndle told me last week, these funds have had a very positive and measurable impact on policing in Green Bay. Crime rates have gone down, school security has been enhanced, and more officers have gotten out from behind their desks and into the communities they protect.

But the Chief also expressed his fear that proposed cuts to the COPS program will result in devastating consequences for the Green Bay Police Department. The proposed drastic funding cuts will set many police departments back decades. Already outdated equipment will become the norm, and what's worse, our communities will see a reduction in officers patrolling our neighborhoods. The Green Bay Police Department and so many other local law enforcement agencies in Wisconsin and across the country are already crunched for resources due to the stressed state budgets in many of our home States. Due to these fiscal con-

straints, COPS funds that we have praised as beneficial have become absolutely crucial. If we allow the proposed cuts to the COPS program, many departments will have no choice but to cut wages and reduce personnel.

It is important to note in the post-September 11 world that when we lose our community-oriented officers, we lose first responders. This year, for the first time, COPS dollars are being used to hire community policing officers who will be engaged in homeland security efforts, and to pay for overtime costs associated with homeland security. They are also helping to provide inter-operable communications technology in communities to better help our first responders communicate during times of crisis. Many of us have heard from first responders in our home States about how important, and how lacking, this communications technology is on the front lines of the fight against terrorism.

The administration and Congress simply cannot tell the American people that we want them to feel secure and tell our local law enforcement officers how they are, while at the same time cutting funding for those officers. We must not short-change our police officers. As the tragic events of September 11th reminded our Nation, police officers play a vital role in protecting and securing our communities. In the past 2 years, the words "security" and "safety" have taken on new significance for Americans. The COPS program helps to give those words meaning. The officers who are hired and trained and funded by the COPS program are our neighbors, our first responders, our drug educators, and, in some cases, as in the COPS in Schools program, the mentors for our children. We must give them the support they need so that they can continue to keep us safe and secure.

No police department should have to choose between having up-to-date communications devices and having sufficient law enforcement officers in its community, or decide whether to continue its school crossing guard program or to fund its successful crime-reduction programs. And yet, that is exactly what is happening to local law enforcement agencies in Wisconsin and across the country as they watch funding levels for the COPS program drop.

I might add that unlike other important law enforcement grant programs, COPS delivers grant funding directly to chiefs and sheriffs. There are no overhead costs for States because the grant administration is facilitated directly by the Federal Government. Communities of all sizes are eligible to apply for COPS grants, and the payoffs are invaluable. Ensuring funding in the COPS program is an investment in our Nation's security, an investment in our children, and an investment in community safety.

As we consider appropriations for the many Federal programs that make a difference at home, I urge my col-

leagues to send a strong message of support to our local law enforcement officers: As we ask more of them, we must understand the fiscal pressure they face and help them bridge their funding gap so they can continue the level of excellence at which they operate. There is no question that community-oriented policing is integral to the protection and safety of all Americans.

Again, I want to applaud Senator BIDEN for his leadership on this issue. I urge my colleagues, especially those on the Appropriations Committee, to work to ensure that the COPS program is fully funded before we adjourn. Thank you, Mr. President.

I yield the floor.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO DORIS HANSEN

• Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I would like to voice my support for a woman who was recently named the American Trucking Association's National Driver of the Year, and resides in Lavina, MT.

Since Doris Hansen started driving semi trucks in 1967, she has logged more than 3 million miles. Beginning at the age of 19 as a driver for her father-in-law, Doris has preserved an accident-free driving record, with a personal commitment to safety for over 35 years. While Doris and her husband John sometimes drove as a sleeper team, she has logged most of her hours as a solo driver at a time when women were rare in the business. When Doris began her career, some companies did not offer separate shower facilities and break rooms, while others denied women access altogether.

Doris is currently leased to Quality Transportation, Inc. stationed in Baker, MT. Since signing with Quality in 1987, she has never lost a single cargo or filed a damage claim. She currently operates a conventional three-axle tractor and a 48-foot flatbed trailer, hauling general freight in "the lower 48." She has also logged the last 13 summers in-State pulling belly-dump trailers on road construction projects, winning numerous safety and industry awards, including Montana Motor Carriers 2002-03 Driver of the Year. Although her job keeps her on the road, she and John have raised two children. Danielle is now a nurse in Big Sandy, MT, and J.J., who shares Doris' love of the road, is a truck driver as well.

Doris has been named American Trucking Association's first woman, and first Montanan, National Driver of the Year for 2003. Doris will be honored at American Trucking Association's 2003 Safety and Loss Prevention Management Council's Fall Conference in Jacksonville, FL tomorrow, and again at the American Trucking Association Management Conference and Exhibition in San Antonio, TX on October 20. I applaud Doris for her continued

commitment to safe driving, and hope that she will keep up the good work.●

IN CELEBRATION OF PHILLIP C. SHOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the selection of Phillip C. Showell Elementary School as a No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools Award recipient. This prestigious honor is awarded to schools that meet one of two criteria. The nominated school must have at least 40 percent of their student population from disadvantaged backgrounds and have each segment—including whites, blacks, Hispanics, low-income and special education students—show scholastic improvement, or the school must score in the top 10 percent on State assessment tests in reading, writing, math, social studies and the sciences. Phillip C. Showell Elementary School was successful in meeting both of these criteria. Not only did each segment show adequate yearly progress, but the scores of students from Phillip C. Showell's have shown steady improvement on State assessment tests over the past several years. This is a remarkable honor for Phillip C. Showell Elementary School, attesting to the many achievements and the commitment this school, as well as the First State, has for educating our youth.

Located in the small town of Selbyville, DE, Phillip C. Showell Elementary School is home to many low-income and disadvantaged students. Approximately 47 percent of Phillip C. Showell Elementary School students come from a disadvantaged socio-economic background. Many students come to the school with English as a second language. To many teachers and faculty, these factors can be extremely frustrating. However, the dedicated staff at Phillip C. Showell Elementary School prides themselves on their commitment to successfully educating and impacting the lives of these underprivileged children.

Known as "The little school that's big on learning," Phillip C. Showell Elementary School provides an environment that allows its faculty to work closely with students. As one of the smallest elementary schools in the State, Phillip C. Showell Elementary is described as a close-knit family. The welcoming atmosphere makes students feel accepted and special.

As a title 1 school, Phillip C. Showell Elementary is able to receive funding and resources which allow them to provide for students. A teacher who specializes in writing and reading provides Early Success and Soar to Success programs for additional support to students. There are after school opportunities for identified students who can benefit from extra reading and math help. In addition, a reading specialist coordinates with other faculty members to identify kindergarten and new students who are in need of extended kindergarten. This extra half-day of

learning provides language, arts and reading skills that will be essential to these students throughout their academic career. These programs were created to identify and assist students in need of extra help. The committed faculty, staff, and administrators offer students the chance to fulfill their potential. These children are inspired not only to reach their potential, but to strive for excellence.

Delaware is a small State, but we are building a growing record of achievement in public school education. The students at Phillip C. Showell Elementary School set the standard for elementary school students across the country. They truly are an inspiration to other schools and communities throughout the Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER ELIZABETH McDONALD MOORING

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a great American and a true military heroine who has honorably served our country for over 22 years in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps: Commander Elizabeth McDonald Mooring. She was born in Rahway, NJ, and grew up in Bridgewater, NJ. CDR Mooring began her military career as a staff nurse at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD. She quickly rose through the ranks and served at naval bases throughout the world, including Naval Hospital Newport, RI; Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan; Branch Medical Clinic, Sewells Point, Norfolk, VA; and varied assignments at the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA. Following in her father's footsteps, Seaman Eugene Bernard McDonald, CDR Mooring and her sister, Patricia, joined the Navy Nurse Corps, while her brother Sean joined the Seabees in the Naval Reserve.

CDR Mooring adeptly served as the medical officer recruiter at the Commander Naval Reserve Force, Philadelphia, PA. For 2 years she consistently achieved her medical recruiting goal for the States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. For 2 years CDR Mooring served in the Naval Reserve and drilled at Naval Air Station, Willow Grove, NJ. She was one of the first women to serve aboard the USS *John F. Kennedy*, CV-67, and provided medical support during the rededication of the Statue of Liberty. Because of her clinical excellence and professionalism she was assigned to the presidential support team for President Ronald Reagan.

It is only fitting that for her final assignment, she came home to New Jersey. CDR Mooring served as the Officer in Charge of the Branch Medical Clinic at Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst, NJ, and Assistant Officer in Charge at the Branch Medical Clinic, Naval Weapons Station Earle, Colts Neck, NJ. She was integral to the critical medical support mission of the Naval Weapons Station during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. During Operation Iraqi

Freedom, 83 percent of all weapons used, were loaded from the Naval Weapons Station Earle, NJ.

In each assignment, CDR Mooring excelled and met every challenge, and was rewarded with greater responsibilities and opportunities. She is an experienced leader, administrator, clinician, educator, and mentor. Throughout her career she has been instrumental in providing navy medicine with the fine cadre of navy nurses, physicians, Medical Service Corps officers and hospital corpsmen serving today.

Above all, she is a stellar officer and leader who always put the welfare of her staff and patients first. CDR Mooring always went the extra mile to serve her country and her fellow man. Her performance reflects greatly on herself, the U.S. Navy, the Department of Defense, and the United States of America. I extend my deepest appreciation to Commander Elizabeth McDonald Mooring, on behalf of the United States, for her over 22 years of dedicated military service. Congratulations CDR Mooring and let me be one of the first to welcome you home to the State of New Jersey.●

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL TIMOTHY W. COY

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, on the occasion of his retirement from the U.S. Air Force, I wish to recognize LTC Timothy W. Coy for his 27 years of dedicated service to our country. In his most recent assignment he served as the Chief, Congressional Inquiry Branch, Congressional Inquiry Division, Secretary of the Air Force Office of Legislative Liaison, where he served as liaison between the Air Force and Congress on their constituent issues.

Lieutenant Colonel Coy was born in 1958 at Bolling AFB, Washington, DC. He graduated from Tabb High School in Yorktown, VA, in 1976. He holds a masters degree in public administration from the University of Wyoming, a bachelor of arts degree from Saint Leo College, and a certificate in legislative studies from Georgetown University. He is also a graduate of Air Command and Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College, Squadron Officers School, Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School, and the Air Force Legislative Fellowship program.

In August 1976, Lieutenant Colonel Coy enlisted in the Air Force and completed basic training at Lackland AFB, TX, in September 1976, and performed duties as an administrative specialist. During his 7-year enlisted tour, he attained the rank of technical sergeant, and was assigned to headquarters, Tactical Air Command, TAC, where he held positions in the TAC Directorate of Administration and the TAC Command Section. In 1981, he was selected as one of the first members of the 4450th Tactical Group, Nellis, AFB, NV, the unit responsible for the operation of the ten-top secret F-117A "Stealth Fighter."